

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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Leopold B. Epee, on behalf of Bekele  
Asres Bogale,

Case No. 18-cv-2520 (PAM/TNL)

Plaintiff,

**ORDER**

v.

United States Citizenship and Immigration  
Services,

Defendant.

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This matter is before the Court, United States Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung, on Defendant's Request for a Stay of the Entire Case in Light of Lapse of Appropriations (ECF No. 13). Department of Justice attorneys are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, such as "emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property," until funding is restored to the Department. 31 U.S.C. § 1342. Based on the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defendant's Request for a Stay of the Entire Case in Light of Lapse of Appropriations (ECF No. 13) is **GRANTED**, and counsel for Defendant shall inform the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department to resume operations.

Date: January 11, 2019

s/ Tony N. Leung  
Tony N. Leung  
United States Magistrate Judge